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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION. Headquarters Republican state commit-tee, 1231 Wainut street. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 12, 1895. To the Republican Electors of Pennsyl-

The Republicans of Pennsylvania, by their duly chosen representatives, will meet in state convention, Thursday, April 23, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., in the Opera tors, selecting eight delegates at large to the Republican national convention, and transacting such other business as may be

Attest:
Jere B. Rex.
W. R. Andrews,
Secretaries. M. S. Quay.

Representation in this convention will be the same as in the last state conven-

The use by the British press of such Stock adjectives as "astounding," "preposterous," "ridiculous" and "absurd" in their discussion of Mr. Cleveland's message simply proves that Britain's nerve has been touched.

Too Much Mawkishness.

If the Board of Pardons has at times been unduly generous in its exercise of the pardoning prerogative, it is, on the other hand, clearly entitled to credit for it refusal to interfere with the normal course of the law in the celebrated case of John Bardsley. Admittingwhat as a fact few persons deny-that Mr. Bardsley was in part the victim of a lax system which bred in its administrators a sense of moral indifference. that in no degree obscures the fact that in a grievous manner he transgressed the law, and that for this transgression he has been justly sentenced.

Bardsley in prison is not simply a

punished criminal; he is also a warning. His presence in the penitentlary is a standing notification to public servania of what may be expected to follow their own discovered deviation from the chalk-mark of official rectitude. To permit personal sympathy for this one offender to suggest to other potentially dishonest public servants that if they shall likewise give vent to their evil inclinations, punishment, if any, will be brief would be to subordinate the interests of every decent citizen of Pennsylvania to the comfort of one justly condemned convict. Such an exercise of the pardoning power would have been, not mercy, but

mawkishness.

What is true of Bardsley in this case is true in many cases involving other types of crime. Only last week in our own county a man duly convicted of murder in the second degree, without mitigating circumstances, was sentenced by the president judge of the Lackawanna courts to a term of imprisonment scarcely longer than would be meted out, in many courts, to the sneak thief or the burglar. Such lenency as this is more than mistaken; it is dangerous-dangerous to the criminal, whom it fails to impress with the enormity of his crime; and dangerous to the community, in which it rather encourages than represses the spread of similar crimes. One of the urgent needs of the times is for stiff-necked judges and pardoning boards with back bone. The era of sentimentalism has gone quite far enough.

that can be balanced by a home offset.

Flags in Church.

One thought was advanced in Dr. ness. It was embodied in the speaker's collect together in idleness, their voices have been lost in the inevitable roar of insubordination; and incipient anarchy has momentarily prevailed.

Say about the selection of delegates to the permission of delegates to the selection of delegates to the collect together in idleness, their voices is opposed to the permissions unit rule system which places all the power in the hands of one man. He believes that every delegate should be allowed to cast his the altar as possible, the national has momentarily prevailed. colors; and that at least once on Sundays the Christian worshippers of America might be permitted to include

This is unfortunate for all concerned, not be forced to stand back with hands folded and allow somebody else to do his vetting for him. Mr. Harrity bartered

It is opportune, we think, to queson whether in the divorcement of ch from state which has been ored in this country as an essential of civil and religious freedom, there has een an additional divorcement, ontemplated by the republic's ers, whereby the state has been e degree deprived of the co-ope-of the church in matters comnd vital to both. While it will be held by any number of Ameri-Jewish, Protestant or Catholic, astical system appealing portion of the community tained by public taxation It is something of an antithesis from extreme that many of our churches fine their activities to the develop-

not equally insist upon a similar display of patriotic symbolism in the churches as well. Surely the aim of both Christianity and Judaism is to make better citizens as well as better nen and women.

Philadelphia, the most American of our cities, does not look like its quiet and peaceful self in the hands of an anarchistic mob. Let us hope that Philadelphia is not getting "up to date."

Great Britain Will Yield.

It is assumed that the British miniser at Washington, Sir Julian Pauncefote, has kept his government informed as to the manner in which the American congress and people have received President Cleveland's message. This in assumed because, in the first place, it is part of Sir Julian's duty to do so; and secondly, because an attache of the British legation on Tuesday, hearing that the reading of the message in the senate incited extraordinary applause. was promptly despatched to the house personally to report to his superior officer upon the document's reception by the popular branch of congress. If, then, Sir Julian has already in-

formed or will yet inform Lord Salisbury of the scene yesterday in the house of representatives, a congress three-fourths membership differs in party from the president passed without debate and by unanimous consent a bill appropriating \$100,000 for the expenses of a Venezuelan commission, as requested in the executive's message, it may be that the British premier will be influenced to pause before risking the consequences of a direct conflict in preference to submitting a suspicious territorial claim to honest and impartial arbitration. In England's case, the only loss within sight, in case the pres-House, city of Harrisburg, for the purpose of nominating two candidates for representatives at large in congress and thirty-two candidates for presidential electric thousand square miles of stolen territories. tory, an equivalent for which could be purloined within twenty-four hours in some other portion of the habitable globe where theft of land is less liable to excite criticism than in the American hemisphere. In the case of the United States, however, the point at issue is a vital and an indispensable national principle, the loss of which would involve the possible loss of every advantage won on the American continent by more than a century of patient toil and struggle to develop the art of self govern-

It ought by this time to be apparent to every observant official of the British government that the loyalty of the American people to the Monroe doctrine is not simply the effervescent fervor of artificially stimulated prejudice, but a deep-seated conviction, resting upon the very foundations of their civic spirit and their patriotic pride. To weigh against such a loyalty, which is as ready, if need be, to fight as to talk in defense of the jeaporded principle, a few paitry square leagues of stolen South American soil, of direct value only to the British squatters who have encroached upon it, would be, not statesmanship, not diplomacy, not even plain common sense, but just stupid obstinacy. The reputation of British diplomatists is not for stupidity, however it may be as to obstinacy. The precedents all go to show that Britain is obstinate only when the victim of her aggression is weak; she has rarely made the mistake of pro- ple, and if it were necessary an army longing such a characteristic in the face

of an adversary of her own size. For these reasons, if for no more credttable ones, we do not apprehend that the present international difference will the present international difference will real soldier goes without saying, and eventuate into armed strife and blood-shed. The teaching of the past is that England will yield the moment she perceives that the alternative is serious trouble. In the present state of American sentiment it would manifestly be unwise for Lord Salisbury to maintain an inflexible attitude. He may brag, he may sneer, he may whine or ..e may bluster; but in the end he will have to of this country.

The only thing that has a tendency fall back. This is a point upon which the American people to a man are thoroughly and unalterably determined.
And if England desires to refresh its memory as to the potentiality of such a determination, let it do so by reading a few chapters of early Anglo-American history.

Incidentally, the national revenues stand now in doubled need of prompt replenishment.

A Cure for Traction Strikes.

The usual consequences have, in Philfor the letting loose of the violence and The president has unquestionably lost of the strike forewarned their followers of the strike forewarned their followers of the need of abstaining from violations of the need of law, and have, since disorder the strike forewarned their followers of the need of abstaining from violations of the need of law, and have, since disorder the strike forewarned their followers of the need of abstaining from violations of law, and have, since disorder the strike forewarned their followers of the need of abstaining from violations of law, and have, since disorder the strike forewarned their followers of the need of abstaining from violations of law, and have, since disorder the strike forewarned their followers of the need of abstaining from violations of law, and have, since disorder the strike forewarned their followers of the need of abstaining from violations of the need of abstaining from violations of the need of law, and have, since disorder the strike forewarned their followers of the need of abstaining from violations of the need of abstaining from violations of the need of law, and have, since disorder the strike forewarned their followers of the need of abstaining from violations of the n tions of law, and have, since disorder befel, sought to the utmost limits of interest in the management of the Dem their ability to repress and allay it; ocratic party in Pennsylvania than ever but in the presence of the rising fer- He is the recognized leader of the anti One thought was advanced in Dr. but in the presences of the works which works have something to Bay night which is of special timeli- whenever multitudes of men suddenly say about the selection of delegates to the

throwing the cost back upon the shoulof putting down the riots and bear the of putting down the riots and bear the inconveniences of the tie-up. But if, as body knows the result. From a close-inbeaten, no one pays their losses but themselves. Thus in either case, the offend- an end. ing corporation stands to win, while the public and the strikers just as surely stand to lose. So far from regretting the violent scenes of the past 48 hours, the president and directors of the Union Traction company are doubtless secretive in great slee over them whose height and the president and directors of the Union traction company are doubtless secretive in great slee over them whose height and the president and the strikers just as surely congress this seasion a bill for a public building at Little Washington, his home. He wants it as a sort of monument to his industry while a member of congress. The chances are he will not get it. ly in great glee over them, since, being

gratuitous possession of most valuable public franchises has been turned by the greed of a private and illiberal corporation into an opportunity for the mulcting of the people and for the disruption of their peace, it seems to us that it would be thoroughly justifiable work and the people and for the disruption of their peace, it seems to us that it would be thoroughly justifiable work the citizens of Libitation in the people and for the disruption of their peace, it seems to us that it would be thoroughly justifiable work the citizens of Libitation in the people and for the softest jobs under the clerk. Mr. Scranton wanted a place worth at least 11,600, but the combine managers said nay, and nay it will be. A place of that kind would about fit jobs under the clerk. Mr. Scranton wanted a place worth at least 11,600, but the combine managers said nay, and nay it will be. A place of that kind would about fit jobs under the clerk. Mr. Scranton wanted a place worth at least 11,600, but the combine managers said nay, and nay it will be. A place of that kind would about fit jobs least 11,600, but the combine managers said nay. A place of that kind would about fit jobs least 11,600, but the combine managers said nay. A place of that kind would about fit jobs least 11,600, but the combine managers said nay. A place of that kind would about fit jobs least 11,600, but the combine managers said nay. A place of that kind would about fit jobs least 11,600, but the combine managers said nay. A place of that kind would about fit jobs least 11,600, but the combine managers said nay. A place of that kind would about fit jobs least 11,600, but the combine managers said nay. A place of that kind would about fit jobs least 11,600, but the combine managers said nay. A place of that kind would about fit jobs least 11,600, but the combine managers said nay. A place of that kind would about fit jobs least 11,600, but the combine managers said nay. A place of that kind would about fit jobs least 11,600, but the combine managers said na were the citizens of Philadelphia, at any cost, to annul the Union Traction company's charter privileges and re-let the use of their streets to such a corporation or corporations as would first pay into the city treasury an adequate annual rental fee and then subscribe man Scranton and William Connell have annual rental fee and then subscribe annual rental fee and then subscribe to such conditions of operation as would in the future safeguard the public against both extortionate overcharging and the damages arising from strikes wherein judicial opinion should decide that the agential subscribe is in the position to name Scranton's successor next fall. Connell is the acknowledged political master of the country at present. The intimation has reached been that if next if next the strength of the country at the count decide that the operating company had been in the wrong

The suspicion has been circulated that t is the president's purpose to get congress' consent to name a commission and then select one which will move so slowly that his term will have expired before anything will have been done. Such a view of an American president is insulting; but even were it true, Mr. Cleveland will have as a successor a man whe will not be remiss in discharging any obligations of national

That must have been an inspiring scene when the veteran soldiers in Washington, after learning the purport of the president's Venezuelan message. assembled in the massive pension building and sang: "My Country." Perhaps it was a trifle "jingolsh;" but if so it was an excess of fervor in the right direction.

ot cause bloodshed; but it will at least rouse from their lethargy those foolsh Americans who think that this great republic can get along without war hips or coast defences. So far as reported. Mr. Cleveland's

The Venezuelan incident probably will

nessage has pleased every American save Congressman Boutelle, of Maine, and the editor of the New York Evening

The chances are that John Bull will not like Grover's Christmas present a little bit.

Senator Chandler can at once resum nis condition of aggressive belligerency. We extend our sympathy to the New

York Evening Post. Maybe we have misjudged Olney.

Who will care for Bayard now? WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

Tribune Bureau, 515 Fourteenth street, N. W., Washington, Dec. 18. President Cleveland has spoken again. This time he said something that stirred he American heart and has advanced his third-term presidential stock several points. His message to congress yester-day on the Venezuela boundary question by the strongest and action of the strongest and actions as well as Democrats, as one of the strongest and actions the strongest and actions the strongest and actions as the strongest and actions, as the strongest and strongest and strongest actions as the strongest action of the strongest and action of the strongest action of t Heretofore his messages, with the excep-tion of his famous tariff reform letter just prior to the presidential election in 1888, have been regarded as rather tame and top-heavy. But his last epistle touched a responsive chord in the American peolarge enough to whip any nation on earth could be raised by a word from the president in twenty-four hours. Whatever opinion people may have had about Presi-dent Cleveland's courage has been dis-pelled. That he has the backbone of a est. Even his most pronounced enemies threw up their hats and cheered for Cleveland when they read his bold and courageous lecture to Great Britain, it was a notice to England to "keep hands off" things that do not belong to her. And the American people will sustain President Cleveland or any other chief ex-ecutive who will stand up for the rights

the ultimatum. The language used is so different from that usually employed by President Cleveland that the authorship is disputed. It has the ear marks of Mr. Ciney's style of composition. But that is neither here nor there. The message contains the signature of President Cley land and that ought to be sufficient to arouse the independent spirit in every American heart. And it has. Let "hands be the watchword of every true

The usual consequences have, in Philadelphia, attended the efforts of the adelphia, attended the efforts of the street car employes to better their condition by striking. The occasion of an intentionally peaceful strike has been intentionally peaceful strike has been selzed upon by hoodiums and outlaws, solved upon by hoodiums and outlaws. for the letting loose of the violence and stantily increasing business interests. Mr. lawlessness that are in them; and for Kerr has several large railroad contracts befel, sought to the utmost limits of lities, but instead will take a more active within their congregational singing one possible. If its property is destroyed, away the Pennsylvania de egation at Chiit can make the city reimburse it, thus cago three years ago for the federal patronage of the state. As a result candiders of the taxpayers, who, it is worthy of note, also have to pay the expenses at the shrins of Harrity before they could secure appointments. Lackawanna a consequence of the forfeiture of popu-lar sympathy, the strikers lose, and are beaten no one pays their losses but them The day of Harrity is fart approaching

If in great give over them, since, being secure on all the people, something of an antithesis from their testivities to the development of theology and morals, company victory.

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The problem of how best to avoid such nowadays frequent collisions between the implications of civic duty interestiate the American from the indicated and the employed is one of the indicated the insisted was difficulty, concerning which men of great ability radically differ. But it is share, of the spoils. It was newspanie for clerk and was filed by Billy Daniels,

THE NEXT SENATORSHIP.

ty at present. The intimation has reached here that if northeastern Pennsylvania is to enter a candidate for the senatorial race, the name of the same will not be Watres, but that it is more than likely to be Conneil." Colonel Hudson's interesting political literature should not be construed too literally. While Mr. Conneil doubtless appreciates the pleasant things said about him in connection with the next United States senatorship, he is not a candidate.

If the Harrisburg Patriot is to be believed, the consensus of opinion on the question of a successor to Senator Cam-eron in the United States senate among the officials at the state capital and many Republican politicians from different parts of the commonwealth who have been there the past week is that the election lies between ex-Lieutenant Governo Watres, of Scranton, and J. Hay Brown of Lancaster, with the chances in favor of Mr. Watres. It is conceded that if the Philadelphia delegation to the next legislature can unite on Senator Penrose, John Wanamaker, Charles Emory Smith or any other of the candidates mentioned from that city his election will be practically assured. Senator Cameron, it is said, pre-fers Mr. Brown for his successor to any of the other candidates named.

John Russell Young for senator, adding: "This preference among the 'possibilities' named outside Lancaster county is, of named outside Lancaster courty is, or course, expressed subject to the contingency that Mr. Brown should decline to be a candidate. The fact that thrice within our personal knowledge he has declined high honors proffered him may indicate that with him the declinatory mood may have become imperative. If not, he can count upon the cordial support of the Republi-cans and their representatives of this county, which, being the third strongest Republican district in the state, has valid cialms on the renetorship, and Mr. Brown is conceiled to possess the ability to meet all requirements."

COMMENTS ON THE MESSAGE.

America for Americans. Washington Star: "President Cleve land's message to congress on the Vene-zuelan question is one of the most vigorous and patriotic state papers that ever emanated from the executive mansion The message and correspondence display evidence of earnest thought and the an swers to the British contentions are well weighed and convincing. The correspond ence in the case resembles the argument of counsel in legal proceedings. The presi-dent's message is the judge's charge to the jury, composed of the members of congress as representing the people of the United States. In the light of the charge it is difficult to see how any verdict can be rendered in favor of Great Britain and her pretence of believing that the Monroe doctrine does not apply to the present case. So far as America is concerned there is no possible question as to the result. The president will be commended for his firm, patriotic tone and upheld in his po-sition by every American who believes that the time has come for insisting upon a recognition of the United States in all matters affecting territorial acquisitions in this hemisphere. There is no jingoism in the president's message, neither is there weakness, or cowardice, or 'supine sub-mission.' The answers to the points of Lord Salisbury's reply are plain and direct and the president wastes no words in quibbling over technicalities, but grasps the situation in a broad, patriotic Going as it does to the houses of congress, composed of plain, sensible people, well accustomed to deal with such matters accustomed to deal with such matters in a piain and sensible fashion, the message is properly stripped of useless diplomatic verbiage and the issue is laid down emphatically: Is the Monroe doctrine a dead letter, or is it a live, vital principle upon which the United States must insist if it hopes to preserve its 'national self-respect and honor beneath which is shielded and defended a people's safety and greatness? 'America is for Americans,' the president in effect declares, and to this proposition the millions not only of the proposition the millions not only of the United States, but of the Three Americas will say 'Amen!' "

The Nation Is Ready. Chicago Times-Herald: "The nation is with the president. It makes no difference to us whether or not any foreign govern-ment may decline to admit the validity of the Monroe doctrine. We are not capable of the puerlity of entreating recogni

of it as a favor. We are prepared to demonstrate its validity with the entire strength of a sovereign people." Will Not Run Away. Washington Star: "The president indi-cates unmistakably that, while this country is not looking for trouble, it is not

disposed to assume a coy demeanor i trouble is pressed on its attention." Right to the Point. Rochester Post-Express: "It is simple, sound, and strong, moderate in its proposed remedy, but none the less to the point; and the best American sentiment will go with it."

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